

REMARKS

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-13 are allowable.

Claim 14 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Farmer et al. Claim 15 was objected to, the Examiner indicating it would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the features of the base claim and any intervening claims. Because claim 15 depends on claim 14, Applicant has amended claim 14 to include the features of claim 15. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that claim 14 is now in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of claims 1-14 and withdrawal of the pending rejections and objections.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John E. Curtin at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

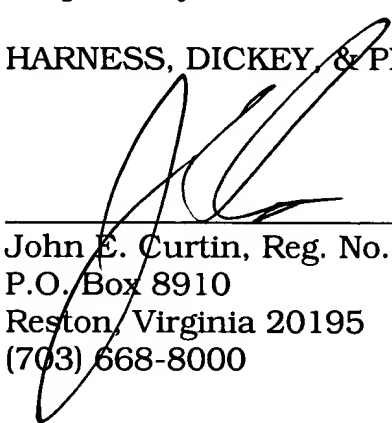
In the event this Response does not place the present application in condition for allowance, applicant requests the Examiner to contact the undersigned at (703) 668-8000 to schedule a personal interview.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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